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Title: Need to issue directions to the FCI for evacuation of surplus rice from Odisha.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): The Government of Odisha has requested the Central Government to evacuate the surplus rice at the rate of 1.5 lakh MT per month from the State of Odisha during the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2014-15 so that an ample space would be created for smooth procurement in next season. However, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has evacuated this surplus rice at an average rate of 0.9 lakh MT per month during August-October, 2015. Resultant, the loss on account of discolouration, damage/sprouting of rice and default of millers to the State of Odisha has been rising day by day and it will continue to rise till the FCI evacuate this surplus rice from the State. I, therefore, urge the Central Government to issue necessary directions to the FCI for evacuation of this surplus rice for the KMS 2014-15 without any further delay so that the requisite space may be created for procurement of rice in next season, limit the loss to the State and appropriate utilisation of such surplus rice to meet the PDS requirement of other States.